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**AMENDMENT / RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 27, 2009 for the above-identified application for patent. In light of the amendments and remarks provided in each of the separate sections below, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application as the application is now in a condition for allowance. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period be extended two months. Fees in the amount of \$ 245.00 are being submitted electronically